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OLD DOMINION MERGER SURE

The Deposits of Stock Now Amounts to 110,000 Shares and are Increasing.

AMALGAMATED HAS RESUMED

The Strained Situation in the Montana Copper Camp Relieved. Governor Toole Has Called the Legislature to Meet in Extra Session. Copper is Lower.

SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT:

BOSTON, MASS., November 12.—Sentiment in the Boston market regarding the general copper situation is somewhat mixed.

The reopening of the Amalgamated mines and resultant weakening in the prices of copper has caused considerable uncertainty. Opinion, however, holds that the action of Governor Toole in calling a special session of the Montana legislature, and the resumption of mining operations are, together, simply a step toward the settlement of the long continued fight between Heinze and the Amalgamated Copper company.

Amalgamated and Copper Range have been the only features of the copper share market during the week, but neither have made important gains.

Old Dominion has furnished financial circles with material for much gossip. The opposition to the consolidation up to date has not accomplished much. Deposits of stock under the merger plan now aggregate nearly 110,000 shares out of the total of 150,000 shares outstanding. President Smith expects to secure over 130,000 shares by next Monday, the date when the time expires for depositing stock.

President Smith will leave within the next ten days for Globe where he will join Prof. James Douglas for a complete inspection and arrangement of the details in connection with the consolidation.

The market today shows slightly better tone, with specialties inclined to advance. Prices of copper are uncertain, but a representative of large interests here in Boston, is talking confidently of the future of the red metal.

TALK OF AN INJUNCTION

The Last Resort of Opponents of the Consolidation.

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BOSTON, MASS., November 12.—The faction among the Old Dominion stockholders who are opposed to the plan of consolidation with the United Globe Mines, are threatening to bring legal proceedings to enjoin the Old Dominion directors from consummating the merger which would place Phelps, Dodge & Co. in control.

While a majority of Old Dominion stock has been deposited with the National Shawmut bank, as per agreement, yet several large blocks of the stock have not as yet been so deposited, and Mr. Fitzgerald asserts positively that they will not be delivered.

However, the hundred thousand or more shares deposited are sufficient to ratify the agreement between the two companies, and it would appear that all that the Fitzgerald faction could hope to accomplish by injunction proceedings would be to delay the consummation of the agreement, and by obstructive tactics, perhaps, annoy the Phelps-Dodge people and provoke them to withdraw their offer.

The opponents of the consolidation assert that the Phelps-Dodge people by paying \$300,000 will, in the event of the agreement being ratified, secure a half interest in the Old Dominion—an equal share in a property said to be abundantly supplied with nine-percent copper ore and having \$171,000 worth of supplies on hand.

The Fitzgerald faction practically

ignores the property of the United Globe Mines in the transaction, alleging that it has only a nominal value, and is not to be considered as at all approaching the worth of the Old Dominion property.

The contention over Old Dominion, which is being exploited by the Boston newspapers, is having a depressing effect on the market for shares, the stock having declined yesterday to 9 66 9/16, the market recovering slightly today and closing at 9 1/2.

Developments of a decisive character, in the fight against the merger, are looked for before the close of the present week.

THE ARIZONA COMMERCIAL CO

Special Meeting Called to Vote on Two Propositions—to Increase Capital or Sell.

From Boston comes the announcement that the directors of the Arizona Commercial company have issued a circular asking for proxies for a special stockholders' meeting to be held November 18, in New York, to vote on two propositions:

The first proposition is to increase the capital to \$2,000,000 by issuing 200,000 shares of stock, par value \$10, the new stock to be exchanged, share for share, for the present stock of 100,000 shares, and to use the remainder as treasury stock to be sold and the proceeds to be used for the erection of a smelter.

The second proposition to be voted on is that of selling the property.

Wm. S. Sultan, who is in charge of the company's property here, being out of town, we are unable to ascertain anything further in regard to the matter, or the probable action to be taken by the stockholders at the special meeting next Wednesday. However, it is known that Sigourney W. Fay, of New York, a retired merchant of large wealth, who is president of the Arizona Commercial company, holds the majority of the outstanding stock and, consequently, his wishes will prevail.

The property of the Arizona Commercial company comprises a group of claims commonly known as the Copper Hill mine, adjoining on the east, the Gray mine and other claims of the United Globe Mines. The Copper Hill mine is opened by a double compartment shaft to the depth of 600 feet and by extensive levels developing important bodies of sulphide and glance ores, and also large quantities of glance, carbonate and oxide ores exposed in other openings near the surface.

The Copper Hill mine ranks next to the Old Dominion and United Globe in this district and is generally considered a better mine than the Gray. The amount of ore blocked out in the underground workings and exposed on the surface of the Copper Hill, that will average four per cent in copper, is very large and would easily supply a 60-ton furnace. Some of the sulphides are extremely rich in copper contents, and all carry a high percentage of sulphur and iron.

Lying contiguous to the United Globe and adjacent to the Old Dominion property, the Copper Hill could be operated to advantage in connection with the consolidated mines, and the rumor, current here for the past ten days, that Phelps, Dodge & Co. were negotiating for the purchase of the Copper Hill property occasioned no surprise.

There is also reason to believe that the Tharsis Sulphur & Copper Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, have opened negotiations for the purchase of the Copper Hill property, T. R. Archbold, one of the Scotch company's experts, who was here for a month last summer, having been very favorably impressed with the Copper Hill, although at that time it was not known that the property could be purchased.

Should the first proposition, to increase the capital of the Arizona Commercial company and build a smelting plant, be adopted, we believe it would prove of greater advantage to the present stockholders, as with the right kind of a plant and careful and intelligent handling, the Copper Hill mine should pay its way from the start and soon begin to earn dividends.

LAKE SUPERIOR & ARIZONA

Big Ore Is Being Opened in the Queen Creek Mine. Looks Like a Bonanza.

Supt. A. C. Sieboth, of the Lake Superior & Arizona Mining company, who returned from the mine last night, reports that development work is progressing favorably. The drift in which the rich copper strike was made two months ago, passed through that occurrence of ore, which is in the form of a great lense, and is again in ledge matter carrying gold. Mr. Sieboth expects to catch the copper again in the lower tunnel level.

The body of gold ore recently dis-

covered in the north drift of the Holt tunnel holds up well in size and value. In fact, the ore, which the first assays showed to contain \$54 in gold to the ton, is growing richer. The ore forms the left wall of the drift, 10 feet in height, and is not being disturbed, as Mr. Sieboth's object is to uncover as much ore as possible without taking it out.

The shaft is down about 110 feet and sinking continues with two shifts. The shaft is making about 215 gallons of water per minute, which does not tax the pump, as that has a capacity of 400 gallons.

It is now practically certain that the Lake Superior & Arizona with further development will become one of the big and profitable mines of Arizona, which if it were located in any one of several other mining districts of the territory, would have attracted wide attention and caused a boom.

The management of the Lake Superior & Arizona is conservative and is not making any noise over its splendid property, but giving undivided attention to the development of the mine to stage where steady and profitable production can be safely counted on.

Col. James A. Fleming, president of the Black Warrior Copper Co., Amalgamated, took his departure last Friday, expecting to stop in Phoenix for a few days before proceeding east. The annual meeting of the company will be held in Philadelphia on December 9.

OLD DOMINION CONSTRUCTION

The Progress of the Work is Now Much More Rapid.

The Old Dominion company's great four compartment shaft is down 541 today. The 10th level crosscut has been driven to a point in line with the shaft at a depth of 626 feet, and the station is now being excavated, from which an apron will soon be started. The shaft should be opened to the tenth level within a month. Progress has been made during the week in laying track and it will not be long until the rails are laid to the new shaft. The locomotive has been shipped from Pittsburg. Fires were started under two new Stirling boilers at the big shaft on Tuesday. Four stacks are in place and the fifth will be raised in a day or two. The corrugated iron covering for the boilers is being put in place. Fred W. Bauer, of El Paso Foundry & Machine company, the smelter contractors, who was here yesterday, states that one of the new furnaces was loaded for shipment last Saturday and the others will follow promptly.

LOCAL MINING NEWS

Gibson & Gibson and Pasquale Nigro continue their shipments of ore to El Paso. Nigro sent out a car only a few days ago and is loading another. Gibson & Gibson have been regular shippers for some time of ore going from 30 to 32 percent copper. They sent out a car today.

The Globe Mining company, developing their property known as the Mineral Farm, situated near the Big Johnny mine, have just completed the lining of their shaft and building a blacksmith shop, and today they are erecting a whim to facilitate sinking. They have a very promising group of claims in the Mineral Farm and important developments are looked for when the work attains depth.

A strike of very good copper ore was made recently in the new working shaft being sunk by the Arizona-Colorado Copper Belt & Gold Mining & Smelting company. For some time they have had a strong vein of ore carrying silver, lead and gold, in their shaft, but expected they would have to go deeper to cut the main copper lead. The new ore came in at one corner of the shaft and is reported to be about ten inches wide.

Joe Phister is reported to have a big gold showing in his mine in Hog canyon, a mile and a half from Rye post-office. The locations are on a great porphyry dyke, carrying some gold, and a rich pay streak of tellurium ore which Mr. Phister reported to be quite small when he was in Globe last spring. This pay streak, we understand, has widened until it is now a strong vein of high-grade ore, and with indications of making a big mine.

At the Globe-Boston company's mine the work of driving the Andrus, or north crosscut, and sinking the winze from the 460-foot level continues without interruption. No important changes in the formation are reported. The winze has reached a depth of 50 feet. At 100 feet a drift will be run both ways on the ledge and important developments are expected. The occurrences of sulphide ore on the 460-foot level, while low grade, are very promising. Sinking is also in progress on the Winchell claim, belonging to the Globe-Boston company.

LOCAL NEWS OF THE WEEK

A Budget of Interesting Items Gathered for Silver Belt Readers.

"OLBERG" NAME NEW TOWN

Located in the Salt River Reservoir. Catholic Ladies to Give a Fair. Two Deaths in the Community Cause Sorrow. Cutting Affray at Superior.

The Catholic ladies of Globe have been soliciting contributions for the fair to be given for the benefit of the church, on December 11 and 12. They have met with much encouragement.

Dr. C. F. Braden, who was for some time physician at Indian Hot Springs, has been in town for the past week. Dr. Braden is also an assayer and chemist, and is looking for an opening in that line.

Mrs. J. L. Hamm, mother of Mrs. Geo. J. Stoneman, died last Sunday morning in a sanitarium at El Paso, where she had been taken for treatment. Mrs. Stoneman was summoned by telegram Tuesday of last week, and was with her mother when she died. Mrs. Hamm had visited her daughter here, and those who were so fortunate as to make her acquaintance will remember her for her culture and fine womanly qualities. Mrs. Stoneman returned home yesterday afternoon, accompanied by her father, Mr. Hamm, and her sister, Miss Josephine Hamm.

N. H. Livingstone was in town on Tuesday making purchases of goods for his two stores in upper Salt river valley. He recently opened the second store at the new townsite three-quarters of a mile above the location for the great Salt river dam. Mr. Livingstone will also conduct an eating house, and a hay and grain business. He will erect substantial buildings as soon as he can obtain the necessary material. Several Globe firms are getting ready to open branch stores there. George Sultan and Jack Newman are erecting a lumber store building, which they will stock with merchandise. E. F. Kellner & Company expect to open a store there within a few weeks, which will be run by J. W. Ransom and Ben Kellner. After considerable discussion as to what name to give the new town, "Olberg" has been suggested as highly appropriate, since Engineer C. R. Olberg, of the geological survey, has been longer and perhaps more closely identified with the preliminary work for the great project than any other man in the service. We heartily concur in the suggestion and hereafter shall refer to the new town as "Olberg."

YOUNG MAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

James G. Clark Dies of a Hemorrhage of the Stomach.

The acquaintances of James G. Clark, or "Gib" Clark, as he was familiarly known, were shocked at the announcement of his death, which occurred a few minutes after five o'clock on Tuesday morning, and resulted from a hemorrhage of the stomach.

Young Clark had been complaining for several days, and on Saturday, when he started for Salt river, he was advised by Dr. B. G. Fox not to go. He grew gradually worse and having remained only a day in camp on the river, started on the return to Globe, arriving late Monday afternoon. His condition was then serious. He had not eaten anything for several days, nor had he slept for three or four nights. He complained of severe pains in the region of the stomach, and at times felt a desire to vomit.

Dr. Fox prescribed some simple sedatives, fearing to administer opiates as he knew that the patient's heart action was weak.

Upon the doctor's advice Gib secured a room and went to bed hoping that he would be able to sleep. The doctor went to his room about 7:30 o'clock and remained with him for some time. Clark continued wakeful and restless and about 9 o'clock he had his first hemorrhage, vomiting considerable blood. Dr. Fox remained, giving him cracked ice, until 11 o'clock, when the patient became quiet and apparently was falling into a sleep, when the doctor left him. Before leaving the hotel Dr. Fox gave instructions to have someone go to Clark's room at intervals and should there be any unfavorable change in his condition, call him—the doctor.

At about four o'clock someone pass-

ing in the hall, heard Clark moaning, and they sent at once for Dr. Fox, but when he reached the hotel Clark was unconscious and died shortly afterward.

Telegrams were sent on Tuesday to the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Clark at San Francisco, and to the sister, Mrs. W. S. Adams of Jerome. A reply was received from Mr. Clark requesting that the body be held, and he and Mrs. Clark started by the first train for Globe. Owing to the poor connections at Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Clark will not arrive until Saturday afternoon, and the funeral will not take place before Sunday and probably Monday.

James G. Clark, the deceased, was born in San Francisco, and was twenty-five years of age on May 17 last. For some time past he has been in charge of the Clark power locations on upper Salt river, where it is proposed to generate electricity for transmission to Globe as power for the use of the mines.

BRIBERY CASES CONTINUED

Jury Instructed to Acquit on Technicality. Case Resubmitted. Continuance Granted.

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PHOENIX, ARIZ., November 12.—The bribery cases against Ex-Surveyor General Hugh H. Price and his chief clerk, W. P. Murphy, were continued for the term.

The defendants having been granted severance of their cases, the trial of Mr. Price began on Monday. To the indictment charging bribery the defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

Four witnesses were called by the prosecution on Tuesday morning. They were examined by United States District Attorney F. S. Nave, and cross-examined by Mayor Walter Bennett. Those called were George Christ Jr., W. A. Cline, Miss Emma Miller and H. J. McClung.

The government having presented its evidence rested on Tuesday afternoon, when the defense moved for instructions to acquit on the grounds of variance between the proof and the indictment, in three particulars. One was that the indictment charged Price with having received a sum of money when, if he received anything, it was a check. The second ground was that the indictment charged that the defendant had received money from Mrs. Emma Miller, of Tucson, whereas the proof showed that Mrs. Miller had been acting as agent for Maximilian Stein. The third ground was that the proof did not show five certificates of deposit, on which money was afterward obtained, and had been received by Price, until after completion of the work on any of the applications. Hence, it could not have influenced his actions and so have been a bribe.

The motion was passed upon on Wednesday. The court did not agree with the defense on the first and second grounds, but sustained the contention on the third, and instructed the jury to acquit.

Acquittal having been only on variance and not being absolute, the case was resubmitted to the next grand jury on the motion of United States District Attorney Nave, who then moved to take up the next case against the ex-surveyor general.

Mr. Price is a very sick man, suffering from locomotor ataxia and apparently on the verge of collapse. On this ground the defense moved for a continuance of the next case, and all other cases against Mr. Price, for the term. The motion was opposed by the United States district attorney, and the court was not disposed to consider it.

Later in the day the attorney for the defense renewed the motion, alleging that to force the trial at this time would imperil the health, and possibly the life, of the defendant. Upon this showing the court finally granted the continuance and the attorney for the government reluctantly concurred.

It had been the plan of the government to take up all of the Price cases before those of Murphy, and the continuance in the Price cases having been granted, Attorney Nave asked until this morning to decide what to do with the Murphy cases, and at his request today they were continued until next April.

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY

At Superior, November 10, Robert Stewart Was Dangerously Cut by Ed H. Fondren.

At Superior, the mining camp of the Lake Superior & Arizona Mining company, last Monday, Ed H. Fondren and Robert Stewart became involved in a quarrel in Tom Kelly's tent saloon, and during the scuffle which ensued Fondren cut Stewart in the back of the neck with a pocket knife, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Supt. A. C. Sieboth, of the Lake Superior & Arizona company, who arrived from Superior last night, told us of the affray as it was related to him. Stewart is said to have been the aggressor and threw Fondren down, but in the struggle between the two men on the ground, Fondren got on top of Stewart, and holding him face down whipped out his knife and cut viciously into Stewart's neck several times, the knife sinking deep into the heavy muscles which give support and movement to the head.

There being no physician or surgeon at Superior, Dayton Ennes, mine timberman, was called to treat Stewart's injury and he sewed up the wound and did all that was possible for Stewart's relief. Ennes was for several years emergency nurse in the Tamarack Mining company's hospital, Michigan, and is said to be a more competent surgeon than the average practitioner.

While Stewart's wound is a dangerous one, it is thought that with the proper care, he should recover. However, it is doubtful if he will be able to control the movement of his head, as the muscles of the neck are almost completely severed.

Mr. Sieboth did not learn before he left Superior whether Fondren was arrested and taken to Florence or not, but as there is a constable at Superior Fondren's arrest was in all probability effected.

DEATH OF OLIVER T. TAYLOR

Occurred on Monday Evening. Two Boys of Tender Years Left Alone in the World.

Oliver T. Taylor died last Monday evening, at six o'clock, after a long illness, and having been confined to his room and bed most of the time during the last four weeks. He was attended by Dr. S. B. Claypool, who did everything possible to prolong his life, but all remedies which medical science could suggest proved ineffectual. Sheriff O. R. Rogers and others also did what they could for the sick man's comfort.

During the past three years deceased had served as jailor and janitor at the court house, having been first employed by Sheriff J. H. Thompson, and retained by his successor, Sheriff Rogers. He was faithful in the discharge of his duties and by the kind treatment of county prisoners gained their good will. Last year Mr. Taylor's wife died, leaving him with two boys, Harry, then twelve years of age, and George, two and a half years, to care for. Now the little fellows have been bereft of an indulgent father and left alone in the world, except for relatives living at a distance, who it is hoped will give the boys a home.

Oliver T. Taylor was a native of Ohio, and as shown by an application made for a pension in 1899 was then 58 years old, and consequently was 62 years of age at the time of his death. In 1861, Mr. Taylor enlisted as a private in Co. I, Eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and his papers show that he served continuously until 1866.

Deceased has a sister in Nebraska, and relatives of his wife, including a daughter by a former marriage, live at Winfield, Kansas. They were notified of Mr. Taylor's illness and again of his death. A telegram was received from his sister, requesting that the remains be buried here. Letters from the relatives are expected within a few days.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the M. E. church, under the auspices of Col. J. W. Alexander post, G. A. R., of which deceased was a member. The W. R. C. also attended in a body. The service at the church was conducted by Rev. J. H. Deniston, assisted by a choir composed of Mrs. James Wiley, Mrs. J. F. Patton, Mr. James Wiley and Mr. H. C. Hitchcock, and Mrs. L. G. Coombs, pianist. There was a profusion of floral offerings. At the cemetery the Grand Army conducted the closing service.

Miss Theresa Swan, of Detroit, an invalid, who had been here for several months, died at the residence of W. H. Cook, south of the smelter, on November 7, and was buried in the Globe cemetery on Sunday. Miss Swan was an amiable and cultured lady. She made many friends during her short residence here, who sincerely regret her untimely death.